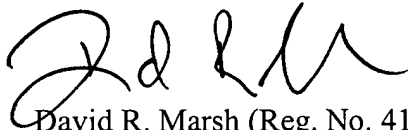


authorized to charge any fee deficiency, and/or credit any overpayment, to Arnold and Porter's Deposit Account No. 50-1824, referencing matter number 16517.258.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary for allowance.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Marked-Up Specification

Page 1, paragraph following "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" :

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/262,979 filed March 4, 1999 which claims priority under U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. [60/076,712] 60/076,912 filed March 6, 1998, both of which applications are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.